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REF: NAIROBI 9294

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S INTENDED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA ON SEPTEMBER 8, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING BILATERAL ITEMS BE KEPT IN MIND:

A. SINCE APRIL 25 MEETING IN NAKURU, FOLLOWING ACCOMPLISHED:

A. U.S. SUPPORT OF KENYA: DURING UGANDA CRISIS BY TASK FORCE PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN, DESTROYERS VISIT TO MOMBASA, P-3 FLIGHTS TO NAIROBI -- ALL OF WHICH GOK STRONGLY BELIEVES INFLUENCED AMIN IN NOT RPT NOT INVADING KENYA.

B. USN ASSISTANCE TO KENYA NAVY: GOK MOST APPRECIATIVE OF AID AND REFUELING OF TWO KENYAN PATROL BOATS IN DISTRESS OFF SOMALI COAST, ACCOMPANYING THEM TO MOMBASA LAST WEEK OF AUGUST.

C. MILITARY: LOA FOR SQUADRON OF F-5E/F
AIRCRAFT SIGNED BY GOK; REQUEST SUBMITTED TO MINDEF
BY EMBASSY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE AND DAO IN NAIROBI. NO REPLY YET; EMBASSY
BELIEVES MINDEF WILL APPROVE SECURITY ASSISTANCE
OFFICE BUT ASK FOR ONE NOT THREE OFFICERS, NOW THAT
THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD GOK MUST PAY COSTS. EMBASSY
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BELIEVES GOK MAY POSTPONE DECISION ON DAO.

2. REMAINING MILITARY ISSUES FOR POSSIBLE DISCUSSION:
A. BY GOK: A-4. I RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY
TAKE POSITION (IF ASKED) THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO
CONSIDER GOK REQUEST FOR A-4 AIRCRAFT AT THIS TIME AS
(1) IT BEYOND CAPABILITY OF SMALL KENYAN AIR FORCE TO
MASTER SECOND SOPHISTICATED WEAPON SYSTEM AT SAME TIME
AS F-5E/F PROGRAM, (2) ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS TO COVER
A-4 PROGRAM NOT AVAILABLE, AND (3) F-5E/F AIRCRAFT ALSO
HAVE GOOD ATTACK CAPABILITY. SECRETARY MIGHT ASSURE
KENYATTA, HOWEVER, THAT REQUEST FOR A-4S COULD BE RECONSIDERED IN THREE-FOUR YEARS.
B. BY US: P-3. USG MAY WISH ESTABLISH
FLIGHTS INTO NAIROBI, MOMBASA. (SEE NAIROBI 8915 FOR
MY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.)

- 3. KENYATTA VISIT TO U.S.: KENYATTA AWAITING SUGGESTED DATES AND ALTERNATE DATES FOR VISIT TO U.S. "BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR," PER INVITATION EXTENDED BY THE SECRETARY DURING APRIL 25 MEETING. IF INVITATION IS TO BE MADE, THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO CONSIDER OFFERING USAF AIRCRAFT FOR JOURNEY IN VIEW KENYATTA'S AGE AND HEALTH.
- 4. KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.: SELECTED, U.S. AGREMENT GIVEN, BUT KENYATTA HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED HIS APPOINTMENT (SEE STATE 199277).

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